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TO: The Secretary
FROM: HA - Richard Schifter *W*
SUBJECT: Raoul Wallenberg

February 26, 1987

I met yesterday with Congressman Tom Lantos of California. As you know, he is one of the Democratic members of the House who is generally sympathetic with Administration foreign policy.

Lantos is a native of Hungary. He was in a labor camp when Raoul Wallenberg saved thousands of Jews in Budapest. Lantos has for that reason taken a very deep, personal interest in the Wallenberg case.

He told me today that he plans to ask for a meeting with you concerning Wallenberg. In his view, the chances of Wallenberg still being alive are one in one hundred. However, he believes that with Gorbachev's commitment to "glasnost," the Soviets may now be prepared to tell the full story as to what happened to Wallenberg. He points out that a candid statement would be appreciated by all those who have taken an interest in Raoul Wallenberg and would end the continuing controversy. He hopes that you might be able to raise the issue at some meeting with Gorbachev or Shevardnadze.

cc: EUR - Ambassador Ridgway

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